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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Assistant to the DCI

SUBJECT:

Establishment of a Joint
Reconnaissance Center (U)

1. You requested background information on the attached document approved by Secretary Gates which establishes a Joint Reconnaissance Center (JRC).

2. This unit which is established in the JCS is assigned the function of assuring coordination of military reconnaissance operations conducted against the [REDACTED]. It emphasizes especially at various points in the document peripheral reconnaissance operations although at other points, whether by oversight or intent, it speaks only of reconnaissance without the modifier, peripheral.

3. This Center does not process or exploit any of the products of reconnaissance. It would seem to have no material effect upon the reconnaissance responsibilities of this Agency. Already DPD has the responsibility to coordinate its efforts with the Air Force and it may be that that unit may have to effect further coordination on our business with the JRC. At the moment we would see no reason to object to efforts of Secretary Gates to provide effective coordination.

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Assistant Chief, DPD-DD/P

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